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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of: ) Group Art Unit: 1642  
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NICOLAIDES et al. ) BOX: MISSING PARTS  
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Serial No.: 09/853,646 )  
) Docket No. 001107.00138  
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For: **A METHOD FOR GENERATING** )  
**HYPERMUTABLE ORGANISMS** )

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Attn: **Box Missing Parts**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts Of Non-provisional Application, dated August 9, 2001, the Applicants are hereby submitting the following amendments for entry into record. No fees are believed to be due. However, if such a fee is found to be necessary, please charge to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On pages 34-35, first full paragraph, please substitute the following:

Plasmids.

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The full-length wildtype *hMLH1* cDNA was obtained from a human Hela cDNA library as described (18). A MLH1 cDNA containing a termination condon was obtained via RTPCR from the patient in which the mutation was discovered (24). The cDNA fragments were cloned into the XhoI site of the pCEP9 vector (Invitrogen), which contains CMV promoter followed by an SV40 polyadenylation signal (8) and a gene, which encodes for neomycin resistance. The pC9MLH1 vector produces the full-length